Development of Tourism Hill Districts of Uttar Pradesh

2540. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will e Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND OURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government °have identified me places of hill districts of Garhwal for urist spots during the period of 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the names of such districts ;

(c) whether it is a fact that all these tourist aces of hill districts of Uttar Pradesh will be eared for tourist place/spots during the year 94-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the asons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI ZAD): (a) and (b) Development of tourism frastructure and identification of areas of urism potential is primarily the responsibility f State Governments. However, the Union overnment in consultation with State Govrnment of Uttar Pradesh had prioritised the llowing projects for Central Assistance uring 1993-94 in the Hill Ditrict of Garhwal :

	Lakhs
(i) Tourist complex at Govind Ghat (Chamoli)	30.00
(ii) Tourist complex at Bhatwari (Uttar Kashi)	10.00
(iii) Skiing equipment for Auli	13.00
(iv) Trivani Ghat at Rishikesh	23.97
(v) River rafting at Shivpuri, Rishikesh	30.84

(c) and (d) From the above prioritised rojects in the Hill District of Garhwal, only ne incomplete proposal has been received rom the State Government of Uttar Pradesh or river-rafting at Shivpuri, Rishikesh. The tate Government has been requested for dditional information.

Theft at Janpath Hotel

2541. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in 'Hindu' on the 4th December, 1994 under the caption "Theft at Janpath Hotel" ;

(b) whether any internal enquiry has been conducted how this daylight open dacoity took place inside the hotel without connivance of hotel security staff ;

(c) whether the management has placed under suspension the Security Officer (Janpath Hotel) and Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters for their failure to keep security alert; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken to streamline the ITDC security and vigilance division at Janpath Hotel and Headquarters ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The reported theft case at Janpath Hotel is being investigated both by the local police and security department of ITDC. So far there is no indication of connivance of hotel security staff in this incident.

(c) No Sir, Necessary action would be taken if involvement of any employee is proved in the case.

(d) Security measures like strict checking of unauthorised elements and surprise inspection of security arrangements by senior officers from the headquarters etc. are being taken. Besides guests are being advised to use guest room lockers.

Activities of United ITDC Officers Welfare Association

2542. SHRI V. GOPAL SAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state : —

(a) whether it is a fact that section of ITDC officials with the patronage of Executive Director (V & S) has formed United ITDC Officers Welfare Association headed by Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters;

(b) whether it is a fact that ITDC management has issued a circular that vigilance and security officials are not permitted to head/participate in union/association activities, if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that United ITDC Officers welfare Association in the past

had been writing to the management protesting against initiating disciplinary action against certain corrupt ITDC officials in connivance with Executive Director (V & S), if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that ED (V & S) has refused to transfer or initiate disciplinary proceedings against the DGM (Security) for having misbehaved/abused the CMD at his office in the presence of subordinates; and

(e) what steps are being taken to revamp ITDC security and vigilance ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir, However, an association of officers has been formed in Sept. 93 which is headed by Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters.

(b) Yes, Sir. The management has issued a circular order dated 17th October, 94 debarring the officers of vigilance and security division from becoming primary members or contesting elections/ holding position of office bearers of any union/association.

(c) No. such reference has been received.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Certain measures have been considered for revamping Vigilance & Security Departments. These include cadre review; specialised training of the officials and modernisation of security arrangements.

Use of services of private hotels by AI

2543. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is taking the services of some private hotels like Taj Group for supplying food for its flights and hiring rooms for its crew and passengers on higher rates against the services of Centaur hotels and chefair of Hotels Corporation of India.

(b) whether the food by Chefair and Centaur Hotel is sub-standard than private five star hotels; and

(c) if so, what is the difference in rupees between the charges of Taj Groups and Centaur Hotels, for supplying different items of food and rooms rent etc. for Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The arrangement made for catering and accommodation of passengers and crew by Air India, at Bombay and Delhi are under :

	Bombay	Delhi
Flight Catering . .	(i) Taj Air Caterers (ii) Ambassador sky chef (iii) Chefair	(i) Taj Air Caterers (ii) Chefair
Accomodation for crew/ passengers	(1) Taj Hotel (Rs. 2300 for single bed + applicable taxes) (2) Centaur Hotel (Rs. 1400 for single bed + applicable taxes	(1) Centaur Hotel (Rs. 1100 for single bed + applicable taxes) (2) Hotel Ashok (Rs. 1000 for single bed + applicable taxes (3) Hotel Holiday Inn (Rs. 1662 per day per room including all taxes)

There is no difference in the rate for the food items paid to various flight caterers. However, Air India is of the view that food and service rendered by Chefair is inferior to that of Taj Caterers.

Purchase of new aircrafts for VVIPs

2544. SHRI MOHAMMED FAZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is purchasing or planning to purchase some new aircrafts for VVIPs ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present aircrafts of Air India are not flying with full feasibility due to shortage of pilots or other